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YOUTH BUREAU USES FILMMAKING AS A CREATIVE OUTLET FOR YOUTH

WHITE PLAINS, NY – February 9, 2015. Purchase College film major Reneissance Frances says she fell in love with the magic of a camera when she was a young girl. Her father recognized her interest and bought her a DSLR camera for her 17th birthday. She used that camera, her passion, and her talent to successfully audition at Purchase the following year.

Frances has brought that passion to her work at the Youth Bureau and has started a Film Club for middle school and high school youth. She wants to provide these youth with a dynamic way to tell stories about the things that are important to them. It is her hope that the films they make, which will run about 2-4 minutes each, will be screened during the White Plains Juneteenth Heritage Festival on June 13, 2015. (More)

Club participants will learn how to operate a DSLR camera, learn the basics of storyboarding and editing, write a screenplay for their short film and take in movie screenings at Purchase College. The Film Club will hold its first meeting, Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Bureau's Teen Lounge at Eastview Middle School. The Club will meet Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Eastview Teen Lounge. Participants will attend age appropriate screenings at Purchase College on dates that will be determined.

Interested youth should contact Adrienne Rivers at 914-422-1378 or arivers@whiteplainsny.gov to sign up for the club. Space is limited to 20 participants.